

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, August 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and grant the request of George Green and make a \$250 monetary donation to Cruisin La Salle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Herndon added for the public, that this program directly benefits the children of La Salle. The council is not changing its giving policy. The immediate impact is for our own residents, similar to the Kids Fishing Rodeo and the work IVAR does. Mr. Green thanked the council for this donation and the Mayor thanked him for his dedication to this project.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Cheryl DePaepe of the LP High School Foundation for Educational Enrichment to conduct a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, April 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and at area businesses.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Jane Duncan to allow parking on both sides of Campbell Avenue between Roosevelt and O'Connor on August 22, 2015 between the hours of 12 p.m. and 10 p.m. for a family celebration.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for July 2015 showing total fees collected of \$2,258.00 with total value of construction totaling \$374,890.00. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for May 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$4,357,989.94 and in Hometown National Bank of \$672,216.79. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for June 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$3,953,775.77 and in Hometown National Bank of \$680,576.54. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for July 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$6,368,126.97 and in Hometown National Bank of \$683,679.60. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report for May 2015 showing sales tax collected for May 2015 of \$120,776.09 and referendum approved sales tax of \$55,405.85 for a total of \$176,181.94.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request of Robert Gray for a "Slow Children at Play" sign and an additional speed limit sign on Sterling just north of 11th Street.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

The police department will have extra patrol on Sterling, as well as place the temporary speed monitoring trailer in this area for a period of time in hopes of slowing down drivers.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and grant the request to designate no parking on the east side of La Fayette Street from the alley north of Third Street to Fourth Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize, pay, and place on file Pay Estimate #1 to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. for the La Fayette Street Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Replacement project totaling \$97,878.60 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #3 to Cruz Concrete, Inc. for the 2014 Sidewalk Improvements and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Demes announced that Social Kitchen has extended an invitation to City Officials and staff and employees to an Open House on August 26, 2015 with seatings at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Alderman Demes suggested that we establish a program for rental properties, similar to the façade program, to offer some assistance with improving properties. Brief discussion followed. Alderman Herndon and Alderman Demes will meet and put some ideas and thoughts together on a possible program and report back to the council.

Alderman Schneider thanked Jeff Bumgarner and staff for their assistance removing and replacing sand at the volleyball courts at Hegeler Park and Don Aleksy for his assistance securing a financial donation. Alderman Schneider reminded residents the courts are their for use, but asked that residents respect the equipment.

Alderman Schneider thanked Don Aleksy and all involved with the downtown continuing to grow. He added that there were several grand openings this past weekend.

Alderman Herndon thanked City Engineer Brown for taking care of his request to address the alley north of Lincoln Avenue.

Alderman Bacidore referred a request to place signage pointing east and west to the free parking on Canal Street as well as possible changes to the current one way street off Joliet onto Canal Street.

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. on August 31, 2015.

Alderman Schneider inquired if there are some private parking spaces in the parking lot on Second and Marquette. The Mayor indicated that some spaces are owned by Gary Hammers and are used by his tenants.

Alderman Schneider also stated that he had been contacted about refreshing the striping at Joliet and 11th Streets. The City Engineer explained that it is our responsibility to stripe, but IDOT will be making some repairs to the road in the intersection and he would like to wait until that is complete.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2591**: An ordinance further regulating Traffic within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Lavieri Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-1

Ordinance 2591– further regulating Traffic within the City of La Salle. (stop sign at First and Canal Streets)

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2592**: An ordinance authorizing automotive and equipment purchase, financing relating thereto and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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COMMENTS

Cathy Tomlinson appeared before the council in regard to the apartment building in the 600 Block of Sixth Street. She stated that she learned the City now owns the building and is working toward its demolition. She stated that she came to the council in 2012 and coordinated a community meeting to address property maintenance issues at the apartment building on Sixth Street, as well as in the 600 Block of Marquette Street and since that time has seen a lot of positive changes. She stated that being the squeaky wheel over the years generated a lot of negativity and now she wanted the City to hear positive feedback. For that reason, she asked the press to be present at the meeting in hopes that some positive press would result. She thanked Chris Covert and Jim McPhedran and Alderman Bacidore for listening and keeping her informed and for all they have done to resolve issues at both properties. She stated that she knows we have a long way to go and it takes a long time for issues to get resolved because of the court proceedings required. She mentioned over the years there had been negative press about the City and the Hotel Kaskasia and offered her assistance if the City needed it in any way to help resolve issues with that property. Mayor Grove stated that in 2012 she brought up some good points, and he appreciated her coming back to give the positive feedback. He acknowledged that it is a lengthy process and things do not happen as quickly as any of us would like but he thanked her for staying the course. Mayor Grove also added that issues with the Hotel Kaskasia is definitely on the City's radar.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$463,453.92 (Total Payroll \$186,112.38, Bills to be Paid \$221,061.18, Total Bills Paid \$56,280.36) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:34 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk